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### **Education**

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (May 2001)  
M.A. in Government, University of Virginia, Charlottesville (August 1994)  
B.A. in Politics, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA (May 1990)

### **Teaching Experience**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Wake Forest University (2007-present)

POL 115, Political Theory  
POL 272, Democratic Theory (service learning course)  
POL 277, Feminist Political Thought  
POL 278, Politics and Identity  
POL 290, Senior Seminar Topics: Islam and the West; Islamic Political Thought; Democracy and Civil Society  
FYS 100, First-Year Seminar Topics: Islam, Gender and Socio-Political Change; Politics and Theater; Politics and Identity  
POL 269, Topics in Political Theory: Islamic Political Thought; Multiculturalism in Literature and Political Theory; Cross-Cultural Encounters in Morocco (for study abroad program in Fes, Morocco)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wake Forest University (2000-2007)

### **Books**

*Political Ideology in the Arab World: Accommodation and Transformation* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

*Democracy and Civil Society in Arab Political Thought: Transcultural Possibilities* (Syracuse University Press, 2006).

*An Islamic Reformation?* ed. with Charles Kurzman (Lexington Books, 2004).

### **Journal Articles**

“Origins and Architects of Yemen’s Joint Meeting Parties,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 39:4 (2007), pp. 565-86.

“The Egyptian Movement for Change: Intellectual Antecedents and Generational Conflicts,” *Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of Muslim Life* 1:1 (2007), pp. 69-88.

“The Centrality and Marginalization of Women in the Political Discourse of Arab Nationalists and Islamists,” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 2:2 (2006), pp 8-34.

“The Secular Bias of Ideology Studies and the Problem of Islamism,” *Journal of Political Ideologies* 10:1 (2005), pp. 75-93.

“Shahrur’s Reformation,” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* 30:3 (2004), pp. 445-67.

“Arab Liberalisms: Translating Civil Society, Prioritizing Democracy,” *Critical Review of Social and*

- Political Philosophy* 7:1 (2004), pp. 51-75.
- “The Civil Society Debate and New Trends on the Arab Left,” *Theory & Event* 7:2 (2004).
- “Jefferson’s Land Ethic: Environmentalist Ideas in *Notes on the State of Virginia*,” *Environmental Ethics* 21:1 (1999), pp. 43-57.
- “Piecemeal Reform in Plato’s *Laws*,” *Political Studies* 43:2 (1995), pp. 312-24.

### **Book Chapters**

- “Between Athens and Jerusalem (or Mecca): A Journey with Dallmayr, Strauss, Ibn Rushd, and Jabiri,” in *Letting Be: Fred Dallmayr’s Cosmopolitical Vision*, ed. Stephen F. Schneck (University of Notre Dame Press, 2006), pp. 167-82.
- “Modern Islamic Political Thought,” in *Handbook of Political Theory*, ed. Gerald F. Gaus and Chandran Kukathas (Sage Publications, 2004), pp. 367-79.
- “Comparing Reformations” (with Charles Kurzman), in *An Islamic Reformation?*, ed. Browsers and Kurzman (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), pp. 1-17.
- “Islam and Political *Sinn*: The Hermeneutics of Contemporary Islamic Reformists,” in *An Islamic Reformation?*, ed. Browsers and Kurzman (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), pp. 54-78.
- “The Reconciliation of Political Theory and Comparative Politics,” in *New Approaches to Comparative Politics: Insights from Political Theory*, ed. Jennifer Holmes (Lexington Books, 2003), pp. 2-22.

### **Reviews, Entries, and other Short Publications**

- “Between Najaf and Jabal ‘Amil: Three Generations of Shi‘i Intellectuals,” *TAARII Newsletter* 4:1 (2009), pp. 6-9 and online at <http://www.taarii.org/newsletters/>.
- Review of Abdelslam M. Maghraoui, *Liberalism without Democracy: Nationhood and Citizenship in Egypt, 1922-1936*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41:4 (2009), pp. 516-17.
- Entries on “Democracy,” “Citizenship,” “Watan,” and “Communism and Islam,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World* (Oxford University Press, 2009).
- Review of M. A. Muqtedar Khan, ed., *Islamic Democratic Discourse*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41:1 (2009), pp. 146-7.
- “In Memoriam: Ahmed Abdalla Rozza,” (with Marsha Pripstein Posusney) *Middle East Report* 240 (2006), pp. 45-6.
- “Syria,” *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, vol. 3, ed. Thomas Riggs (Farmington Hills, MI: Thompson Gale, 2005), pp. 418-23.
- Review of Ibrahim M. Abu-Rabi‘, *Contemporary Arab Thought: Studies in Post-1967 Arab Intellectual History*, *Middle East Journal* 58:3 (2004), pp. 527-9.
- Choice reviews, starting with most recent: Shireen Hunter (ed.), *Reformist Voices of Islam* (July 2009); Lisa Wedeen, *Peripheral Visions: Publics, Power, and Performance in Yemen* (June 2009); Bernard Lewis, *Political Words and Ideas in Islam*; Sue Davis, *The Political Thought of Elizabeth Cady Stanton* (January 2009).

### **Recent Honors and Fellowships**

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2010-11)
- Consortium of American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Fellowship (2009).
- The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Fellowship (2008-2009).
- Reynolds Senior Research Leave, Wake Forest University (2008-2009).
- Junior Faculty Research Fellow, Wake Forest University (July 2007-June 2010).

Creative and Research Activities Development and Enrichment Initiative Fellow, Wake Forest University (September 2007-October 2009).  
William C. Archie Fund Grant, Wake Forest University (March 2007).  
William C. Archie Fund Grant, Wake Forest University (May-July 2006).  
Fulbright Research Scholarship (December 2005-July 2006).  
American Institute for Maghribi Studies Short Term Research Grant (May-July 2005).  
American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan and the Consortium of American Overseas Research Centers Post-Doctoral Fellowship (May-July 2004).  
Research Affiliate, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, The Netherlands (March 2004).  
William C. Archie Fund Grant, Wake Forest University (March 2004).  
Saguiv Hadari Junior Faculty Leave (Spring 2004).  
Wake Forest University-Mellon Grant for Course Development (Summer 2002).  
William C. Archie Fund Grant, Wake Forest University (Summer 2001).

### **Recent Conference Papers**

“Debates over *Wilayat al-faqih* in Arab Shi‘i Political Thought.” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November 2009.  
“Arabic Thought after the Liberal Age.” Conference on “Mirror Images: Challenges for Arab and Islamic Studies,” Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, Villanova University, April 2009.  
“Muhammad al-Husayn al-Kashif al-Ghita: Between Najaf and al-Azhar.” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 2008.  
“The Rebirth of Arab Shi‘i Political Thought: From Najaf to Beirut.” Conference on “Writing the History of Iraq. Historiographical and Political Challenges,” Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, November 2008.  
“The Deconstruction of Political Islam.” International Political Theory conference on “Thinking (With)Out Borders,” The University of St. Andrews, Scotland, June 2008.  
“*Wasatiyya* Notions of Justice and Liberty in the Age of American Empire.” Conference on “Liberty and Justice: America and the Middle East,” American University of Beirut, Lebanon, January 2008.  
“Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr and Modern Arab Shi‘i Thought.” Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, November 2007.  
“From Quietism to Political Action: Authority and Agency in Modern Arab Shi‘i Political Thought.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2007.  
“From Liberal Moments to Seeing Like States: The Development of High Modernist Ideology in the Arab Revolutionary Generation.” Workshop on “Political Opposition and Authoritarian Rule: State-Society Relations in the Middle East and North Africa,” Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, March 2007.  
“Arabic Thought after Hourani’s Liberal Age: The First Generation Post-Independence.” Association for Political Theory annual meeting, Bloomington, Indiana, October 2006.  
“Between Athens and Jerusalem (or Mecca): A Journey with Dallmayr, Strauss, Ibn Rushd, and Jabiri.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, September 2006.  
“Historical and Intellectual Antecedents to the *Kifaya* Movement.” World Congress for Middle East Studies in Amman, Jordan, June 2006.

- “Islam in Arab Nationalist Thought: Tension, Accommodation and Transformation.” American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies annual meeting in Philadelphia, April 7-8, 2006.
- “Weak Framings and Missed Opportunity Structures: Democracy in the Nationalist-Islamist Conferences.” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, DC, November 2005.
- “Re-Imagining the Umma: The Status of Non-Muslims in Islamic Reformist Thought.” Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting in St. Louis, October 2005.
- “The Emergence and Submergence of Women in the Political Discourse of Arab Nationalists and Islamists.” Workshop on “Women’s Activism and the Public Sphere: Local/Global Linkages” at the Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, the European University Institute, Florence, March 2005.
- “Theorizing Gender and its Absence in Arab Debates over Civil Society.” Social Science Research Council and American University of Beirut Conference on Public Spheres in Beirut, Lebanon, October 2004.
- “A Conceptual Approach to Ideological Convergences in the Arab Region: Socialism, Nationalism, and Islamism.” Workshop on “Cooperation across Ideological Divides: Comparative Locales within Arab Public Spheres,” at the Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, the European University Institute, Florence, March 2004.
- “Secularism in the History of Islamic Thought: ‘Unthought,’ Inauthentic, or Eclipsed?” Association for Political Theory annual meeting, October 2003.
- “The Secular Bias of Ideology Studies and the Problem of Islamism.” American Political Science Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “Comparing Reformations: Sunni and Shi’i Versions.” World Congress for Middle East Studies, Mainz, Germany, September 2002.
- “Islam and Political *Sinn*: The Hermeneutics of Contemporary Islamic Reformists.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, September 2001.
- “‘The Earth free for the free individual’: An Ecofeminist Reading of Emma Goldman’s *Mother Earth*.” Conference on “Women and Power,” Middle Tennessee State University, April 2001.
- “Civil Society and the Boundaries of the Community in Arab-Islamic Political Thought.” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, March 2001.

### **University and Professional Service**

Program Coordinator, Summer Study Abroad Program in Fes, Morocco, Wake Forest University (2007-present)

Core Faculty, Women’s and Gender Studies, Wake Forest University (2005-present)

Associated Faculty, Department of Religion, Wake Forest University (2007-present)

Committee on Curriculum Review, Teaching, and the Recruitment and Mentoring of Minors, Women’s and Gender Studies, Wake Forest University (2005-present)

Core Faculty, Middle East and South Asia Studies Program, Wake Forest University (2004-present)

Academic Affairs Committee, Wake Forest University (2007-2008)

Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, Wake Forest University (2006-2008)

Executive Board, American Institute for Maghribi Studies (2004-2007)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (Section memberships: Religion and Politics, Women and Politics, Foundations of Political Thought, New Political Science)

Middle East Studies Association  
Association for Political Theory  
American Association of University Professors

**Language Proficiency**

English (native), Arabic (highly proficient), German (basic)